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To The Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of
Adlington.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Fairclough, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Urban District of Adlington during the year 1954.

The number of Births is 64 or one more than in the previous year. The crude Birth Rate for the District is therefore 15.6 as compared with 15.2 for England and Wales.

The number of Deaths is 9 more than in the previous year giving a crude Death Rate of 11.4 as against 11.3 for the country as a whole. The increased number of deaths is mainly due to deaths from heart and malignant diseases.

The number of infants who died before reaching one year of age was 5 as compared with 1 in the previous year. This figure includes twins born prematurely. It is the largest number of such deaths since 1948 when the same total was recorded.. It is to be hoped that this is only a temporary lapse and that the figure for next year will be more favourable.

It is pleasing to report that there were again no deaths attributable to child birth or tuberculosis.

In regard to acute infectious diseases the number notified was 48 as against 60 in 1953. There was an increase in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever from 13 to 25, and of Dysentery from 1 to 13. No cases of Whooping Cough were notified in 1954; there were 25 cases notified in the previous year. The number of cases of Measles notified in 1954 was 5 as against 18 in 1953.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government (in Circular 30/54 of 22nd March 1954) asked Councils to resume the full exercise of the powers in regard to Slum Clearance, and on 30th August 1954 the Housing Repairs and Rents Act came into operation. Section One of this Act requires Local Authorities to submit to the Minister within twelve months their proposals for dealing with unfit houses during the next five years. A number of houses in the District will fall to be dealt with as totally unfit, but there should also be active implementation of the schemes to salvage houses which can be brought up to the required standards.

Other matters regarding the Sanitary Circumstances of the District are dealt with in the Report and require no special comment from me.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to the Officers of the Council for their co-operation with me. My sincere thanks are also due to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for the support and consideration extended to me.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. WALKER.

Medical Officer of Health.

July 1955.

URBAN DISTRICT OF ADLINGTON

VITAL STATISTICS 1954.

Area	...	...	...	1062 acres
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate Mid-1954).				4110
Number of inhabited houses (Rate Book)			...	1314
Rateable Value at 1st April 1954	...		...	£19,080.
Product of ld. Rate	...	...	...	£75.

<u>Births</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	Birth Rate per 1000 population (Adjusted = 16.8)
Live Births-Legitimate	...	27	35	62	
Illegitimate	...	1	1	2	
Total	...	<u>28</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>64</u>	
Stillbirths	...	1	-	1	

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	Death Rate per 1000 population (Adjusted = 11.7).
	25	22	47	

Death from Puerperal Causes	...	Nil.
Maternal Mortality	...	Nil.

Death of Infants under one year	...	Male - 3)	
		Female - 2)	Total = 5.

Death of Infants under 4 weeks	...	Male - 2)	
		Female - 1)	Total = 3.

All infants per 1000 live births (i.e. Infant Mortality Rate)	78.
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Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	10
do. Measles	-
do. Whooping Cough	-
do. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	-

Causes of Death

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	1
Coronary Disease (Angina)	2	1
Other Heart Disease	4	9
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	1
Other Circulatory Diseases	2	-
Pneumonia	1	-
Bronchitis	4	1
Meningococcal Infections	-	-
Malignant Neoplasms	3	7
Suicide	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	1
Other accidents	2	-
Congenital Malformations	1	1
	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>

	Live Births		Deaths (All Causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
									Total		Neo-natal	
	No. Regis- tered.	Rate per 1000 pop.	No. Regis- tered.	Rate per 1000 pop.	No. Regis- tered.	Rate per 1000 total births	No. of deaths Regis- tered.	Rate per 1000 total births	No. of deaths Regis- tered.	Rate per 1000 live births.	No. of deaths Regis- tered	Rate per 1000 live births.
Year 1954	64	15.6	47	11.4	1	15	-	-	5	78	3	47
Year 1953	63	15.4	38	9.3	-	-	-	-	1	16	1	16
Year 1952	67	16.4	60	14.7	2	29	-	-	4	60	3	45
Year 1951	68	17.0	52	13.0	1	14	-	-	2	29	2	29
Year 1950	60	14.9	50	12.4	4	63	-	-	4	67	4	67
Year 1949	80	20.0	43	10.8	4	48	-	-	1	13	-	-
Average 5 years 1949 - 1953	67	16.7	48	12.04	2	30.8	-	-	2	37.0		

Adjusted (live birth-rate (comparability factor 1.08) = 16.8 per 1000.
(death-rate (comparability factor 1.02) = 11.7 per 1000.



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GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

Staff

Medical Officer of Health:- Dr. J. Walker, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,
L.D.S., D.P.D.

Sanitary Inspector (Part-time):- Alfred Healy, R.S.I.

Laboratory Facilities.

Pathological Laboratory, Preston Royal Infirmary.
Pathological Laboratory, Bolton Royal Infirmary.

Ambulance Facilities.

Provided by Lancashire County Council Ambulance Service.
(Chorley Depot) - Telephone: Chorley 2744.

Nursing in the Home.

There is one "District Nurse" practising in the area. She is
Nurse Holden, 6 Rivington Avenue, Adlington, Telephone:
Adlington 394.

Treatment Clinics.

The "Minor Ailment" Clinic is held at 20 St. Thomas's Road,
Chorley.
Ancillary School Clinics (Orthopaedic, Dental and Eye, etc.)
are held at Chorley and attended by Practitioners of Specialist
status. Attendance is by appointment via School Medical Staff.

Tuberculosis Clinic.

The Chest Clinic, 34 St. Thomas's Road, Chorley.
A Chest Physician (Dr. Villiers) attends.
This Clinic is also used as a consultant clinic for chest
conditions other than tuberculosis.

Hospital Facilities.

For non-infectious cases :-
Chorley and District Hospital
Eaves Lane Hospital, Chorley.
Wigan Infirmary
Bolton Royal Infirmary
Preston Royal Infirmary
Sharoe Green Hospital, Fulwood.

For infectious cases :-
Isolation Hospital, Heath Charnock.
Whelley Hospital, Wigan.
Isolation Hospital, Deepdale, Preston.

All administered by Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

These services are administered by the Lancashire County Council.

Domiciliary Facilities.

There is now no County Midwife resident in the District. The
service is provided from adjacent areas.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

The large majority of the expectant mothers in the area
attend the ante-natal clinic at 2/4 St. Thomas's Square, Chorley,
and avail themselves of the excellent facilities provided by the
Lancashire County Council Divisional Health Service.

Maternity Beds.

Normal accommodation is available at Chorley and District Hospital and Eaves Lane Hospital, Chorley.
Other hospitals are also available.

Infant Welfare Centres.

An Infant Welfare Centre is held weekly (Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.) at the Christ Church Schoolroom, Adlington, and is attended fortnightly by a Medical Officer of the Lancashire County Council as well as the County Health Visitor. Since January 1953 this Medical Officer has been Dr. Doris J. Black.

Health Visitor.

The County's Health Visitor for the area is Mrs. Ashley, 123 Bolton Road, Chorley.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

The water supply of the area is provided (1) from the Blackrod Reservoir (by arrangement with the Blackrod U.D.C.) and (2) from a tapping of the conduits taking the Manchester supply from Thirlmere (by arrangement with the Manchester Corporation). The water from both sources is adequate in quantity and satisfactory in quality. Every house in the area has a "main supply". The average daily consumption was 104,201 gallons, which gives a consumption per head of 25.53 gallons daily. The supplies are interchangeable and complementary.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Only 34 outlying properties are not connected to the sewerage system. These have septic tanks. The sewerage disposal is by precipitation and filtration over 3 coke filters at the Sewerage disposal Works at Harrison's Farm. The effluent is discharged into the River Douglas. The Sewage Works was modernised in 1931. Extensions of sewers were undertaken in 1954 to new properties.

Rivers and Streams.

These are inspected at intervals by the Inspectors of the Lancashire River Board. The installation of new plant at the local Dyeworks for treatment of effluent to prevent pollution of the River Douglas is now completed and in operation.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

1370 moveable ashbins are emptied weekly by the Local Authority's vehicle. The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at two sites.

Cleansing of drains and Closets.

Closet accommodation:-

Privy middens:- No. of Middens	...	...	10
No. of Closets attached thereto	...	...	12
No. of Pail Closets	...	...	1
No. of freshwater Closets	...	...	1653
No. of waste water Closets	...	...	7

The onus for the satisfactory maintenance of drains and closets is upon the property owners and such work is not undertaken by the Local Authority.

Lavatories and Urinals.

There are public lavatories at the upper and lower Recreation Grounds. A modern Sanitary Convenience has been erected at Station Road, and another public Sanitary Convenience is being erected at Babylon Lane. The Conveniences are cleaned daily by the Local Authority's staff.

Shops and Offices.

There are from 90-100 registered shops in the area. No action was taken under the Shops Acts or Public Health Act, 1936, during the year. The County Council are responsible for the administration of the Shop Acts, your Sanitary Inspector acting as their agent. The Sanitary Inspector made 208 visits to these premises during the year.

Camping Sites.

There are no camping sites in the area.

Smoke Abatement.

No. of factory and Works chimneys in area	...	4
No. of observations taken during the year	...	12

No legal proceedings were undertaken for excessive smoke emissions during the year, but personal contact with firms and their boiler personnel was maintained by the Sanitary Inspector.

Disinfestation of Houses.

Some houses were found to be slightly infested during the year 1954, and were treated with Pyrethum D.D.T. powder with good effect. Repeat treatments were then made at later dates.

Schools.

The water supply of the Schools is from the mains. Seven visits were made to the Schools in respect of Sanitary accommodation and faulty water supplies to same.

Other Matters.

There are in the area no Common Lodging Houses or "Houses let in lodgings" registered, no swimming baths or pools, no underground sleeping rooms, no premises where rag flock is manufactured, and no premises for the undertaking of offensive trades.

Summary of Sanitary Inspections.

No. of premises visited	...	...	536
No. of visits made to above	...	...	720
No. of nuisances discovered	...	...	196
No. of nuisances abated	...	...	168
No. of informal Notices served	...	...	57
No. of Statutory Notices served	...	...	7

There were no legal proceedings for the abatement of nuisances.

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(1) By Local Authority	...	...	32
(2) By other Local Authorities	...	...	-
(3) By other bodies or persons	...	...	6

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.

(a) No. of houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health or Housing Acts	...	536
(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose	...	720
No. of houses included under sub-head (a) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations	...	nil.
No. of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	4
No. of houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	...	68

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notice.

No. of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	...	66
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	...	-
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No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notice

(a) by Owners	...	-
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners	...	-

Proceedings under Public Health Act :-

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	4
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No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after serving of formal notices :-

(a) by Owners	...	4
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners	...	-

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part 4 - Overcrowding.

No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	1
No. of families dwelling therein	...	1
No. of persons dwelling therein	...	11
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	-
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	-
No. of persons concerned in such cases	...	-

5. Housing Conditions.

Many of the houses in the area are of the "two up and two down" type, and lack baths or hot water supply. Like most of the sub-standard houses built some 80 years or more ago, they were well-built and with reasonable maintenance are difficult to condemn as unfit for human habitation, though the lack of damp courses causes a prevailing defect of dampness. Most of these houses are suitable for improvement under the Housing Acts 1949/1952.

6. Housing Schemes.

During the year 32 Council houses were completed on Park Road Site. At the end of 1954 16 houses were under construction on Fair View Farm Site.

The Council are preparing plans etc. for the erection of a further 16 houses on Fair View Farm Site.

7. Overcrowding or Housing Shortage.

45 applications for houses were received including 10 from families without separate homes. (Not all of these cases necessarily result in overcrowding).

INFECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply.

The following number of milk traders were on the Register at 31st December 1954:-

Retail purveyors at 31st December 1954 ... 16.

2 Supplementary Licences were granted under the Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations 1949, for the sale of Pasteurised Milk, and 3 for the sale of Sterilised Milk.

2 Supplementary Licences were issued for the sale of Tuberculin-tested Milk.

18 samples of milk were taken for analysis for Tuberculosis.

4 samples were submitted for Phosphatase Test.

All the samples proved satisfactory.

(b) Meat.

The meat supply to the area is distributed from the Chorley public abattoirs, where there is 100% inspection of carcasses.

All Pigs killed for own use are slaughtered in two licensed Slaughterhouses in the district, and all carcasses are inspected. During the year no animals appear to have been slaughtered in the area.

47 visits were made to the various butchers and meat preparing premises during the year.

(c) Other Foods.

Places where other foods are prepared, or kept for sale are inspected frequently by your Sanitary Inspector.

There are 11 small bakerhouses and 6 fried fish shops in the district - all are kept in a satisfactory condition.

127 Inspections of places where food is prepared were made during the year by the Sanitary Inspector.

Unsound Food.

During the year the following food was surrendered as unfit for human consumption:-

137 lbs. Cooked Ham.	14 lbs. Corned Beef.
172 lbs. Lunch Tongue.	9 tins Fruit Salad.
8 tins Lobster.	14 tins Evaporated Milk.
49 tins Peas	8 cans Cream.
6 tins Vegetables.	9 tins Pears.
13 tins Fish	14 tins Peaches.

Ice-Cream.

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Ice-cream retailed throughout the district is mainly confined to pre-packed standard brands. Four samples were taken and these were all Grade I category.

Rodent Control

The following table gives the work done during the year.

	Type of Property				Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling houses	Agricultural.	All other inc. Busin. premises	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Total no. of properties in Local Authority's dist.	4	1314	14	163	1491
No. of properties insp. by Local Auth. during 1954 as result of (a) notification (b) Survey or otherwise:	a. -	9	-	-	9
	b. -	33	3	26	62
No. of properties insp. (see above) found to be infested by rats.	Major -	-	-	-	-
	Minor -	15	-	3	18
No. of properties insp. (see above) which were found to be seriously infested with mice	-	-	-	-	-
No. of infested properties (see above) treated by Local Author:	-	15	-	3	18
No. of "Block control schemes carried out 2.					

PREVENTION OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year the following cases were notified:-

		<u>1954</u>	<u>1953</u>
Food Poisoning	...	-	1
Measles	...	5	18
Scarlet Fever	...	25	13
Whooping Cough	...	-	25
Pneumonia	...	3	2
Dysentery	...	13	1
Paratyphoid Fever	...	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	1	-

One case of paratyphoid fever was notified - the infection being S. paratyphi B (Vi-phage type I). The source of infection was not discovered but it seems possible that

this may have been from water not intended for human consumption at the Bleachworks in another district where the patient was employed,

It is gratifying to note that this has been the 10th successive year without a Diphtheria case notified.

Tuberculosis.

One new case of pulmonary tuberculosis and one new case of non-respiratory tuberculosis were added to the register during the year.

